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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 2411

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

MAPUTO FOR YOUNG PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:OBVIP, SF (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONSIDERATION AND REPLY WITH RESPECT
TO THE FOLLOWING.

2. PRETORIA 2291 OF MAY 10, WHICH MAY NOT HAVE REACHED YOUNG
PARTY, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: ACHMED LAHER, ASSOCIATE OF
ROBERT SOBUKWE, CALLED ON EMBOFF TO SAY THAT SOBUKWE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE AMBASSADOR YOUNG IF HE VISITS SOUTH AFRICA.
KNOWING THAT YOUNG'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE TIGHT, SOBUKWE OFFERED
TO HAVE LAHER AND MRS. SOBUKWE COME TO JOHANNESBURG AS ALTER-
NATIVE TO KIMBERLY TRIP BY YOUNG. LAHER DID NOT TELL EMBOFF
INTENDED SUBSTANCE OF MEETING.

3. MR. CLIVE MENELL, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF ANGLO-VAAL, HAS PRO-
POSED HE ARRANGE AN AFRICAN JAZZ SESSION FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG
AT HIS HOME IN JOHANNESBURG FOLLOWING THE OPPENHEIMER BUSINESS-
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MEN'S DINNER SATURDAY, MAY 21. SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP BLACK
JAZZ ARTISTS WOULD BE ASSEMBLED FOR THE PURPOSE. MENELL REPORTS
HE HAS RAISED THE IDEA WITH THE OPPENHEIMER PEOPLE AND WRITTEN
TO HODDING CARTER ABOUT IT (THOUGH HE BELIEVES HIS LETTER
MIGHT NOT ARRIVE IN TIME). MENELL SAYS HE MET AMBASSADOR
YOUNG AT CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S HOME.

4. SABC-TV PRODUCER HOWARD THOMAS REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG FOR CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM "MIDWEEK" AIRED AT 1910 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY. PERSONALITIES RECENTLY APPEARING ON PROGRAM WERE ADMIRAL ZUMWALT AND UK FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN. THOMAS AND TEAM WILLING TO FILM INTERVIEW AT ANY TIME, ANY PLACE. INTERVIEWER WOULD BE EITHER PAT ROGERS OR NIGEL MURPHY. THOMAS, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO USIS, ASSURES INTERVIEW WOULD NOT BE CUT. SABC-TV ESTIMATES AUDIENCE OF ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE LINE OF QUESTIONING, THOMAS OFFERED FOLLOWING: (A) HOW DOES AMBASSADOR YOUNG VIEW THE PROCESS OF DIPLOMACY--AS ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE OR AGGRESSIVE? (B) ARE RUSSIAN INCURSIONS IN AFRICA VIEWED AS A SERIOUS THREAT IN THE UNITED STATES? (C) COULD AMBASSADOR YOUNG QUALIFY HIS STATEMENTS ON THE LEGITIMACY OF SAG? (D) IF ONE TAKES THE VIEW THAT RSA IS A "DEMOCRACY IN PART", CAN AMBASSADOR YOUNG NAME A COUNTRY IN AFRICA WHICH WOULD BE DEFINED AS A DEMOCRACY? (E) ON SUBJECT OF CHANGE IN RHODESIA AND RSA, HOW DO YOU PROTECT RIGHTS OF A MINORITY? (F) APART FROM UN AGENCIES LIKE WHO AND UNESCO, WHAT VALIDITY DOES THE UN HAVE IN MODERN WORLD?

5. LONDON 7977 OF MAY 13 SENT TO LISBON AND MAPUTO FOR YOUNG PARTY REPORTED SWAPO LONDON REP KATJAVIVI ASKED AMBASSADOR YOUNG BE INFORMED THAT SWAPO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN IN WINDHOEK, DANIEL TJONGARERO, WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN JOHANNESBURG ON MAY 22.

6. ALLISTAIR SPARKS, EDITOR OF RAND DAILY MAIL, TOLD EMBASSY THAT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE BROACHED IDEA OF MEETING WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL NEWSPAPER EDITORS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. MEETING COULD BE SET UP AT LAST MOMENT TO FIT IN WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TIME SCHEDULE AND WOULD INCLUDE "CONFERENCE OF EDITORS", ABOUT 30 EDITORS FROM ALL MAJOR ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPERS. EMBOFF TOLD SPARKS OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE BUT SAID HE WOULD PASS ON SUGGESTION TO YOUNG PARTY.

7. CHANCELLOR BAZZOLI OF WITS UNIVERSITY TOLD EMBASSY THAT, IF MAY 23 APPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS OFF, HE MOST ANXIOUS TO GET SMALL GROUP OF STUDENT LEADERS AND FACULTY, NUMBERING PERHAPS DOZEN, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. BAZZOLI HAD IN MIND INFORMAL SEPARATE MEETING. EMBOFF SAID SUGGESTION WOULD BE PASSED ON TO YOUNG PARTY BUT THAT AMBASSADOR HAD LIMITED TIME. ALTHOUGH BAZZOLI AND STUDENTS WOULDN'T BE ENTIRELY SATISFIED, ALTERNATE TO SEPARATE MEETING IS INVITING SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO JOIN CROSS SECTION OF LEADERS MEETING.NELSON

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